

Letter from Alexander Graham Bell to Robert Sutton, June 4, 1901

HOTEL CHELSEA, Atlantic City, N. J., June 4, 1901. Mr. Robert Sutton, 208 William Street, Brantford, ont. My dear Friend:—

I have not forgotten you, although it is so many years since I had the pleasure of seeing you. I have been traveling abroad in Japan and in Europe and this probably is the reason why your letter which you say you wrote “a long time ago”, failed to reach me. At least, I have no recollection of ever having received it.

I am glad to know you are still living in Brantford and that you have a good job as a machine hand in the wood-shop.

You will be glad to know that my wife is NOT DEAD. She is having a nice time in Europe, traveling with my daughter Marian. My daughter Elsie is married. She is now Mrs. Gilbert H. Groavenor. She and her husband are staying with me at the seaside here.

I have not heard from William E. Sloane for a long time. I met his son in Norway on an American Man-of-War. William E. Sloane was well when I heard from him last, and I think was doing better in business.

I am very much interested in the card you inclose, and only wish that I could be present on the occasion of your marriage to Miss Martha Jane Leigh. I can only say that I wish you every happiness and every success in life, and I hope to see you and your wife some time in Brantford.

I would like to give you a wedding present, but cannot very well send it to you from here. I therefore enclose a check for fifteen dollars so that you can buy a wedding present for

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yourself in remembrance of me. If you have any difficulty in getting my check cashed, I have no doubt that Mr. George Ballachy will help you to have it cashed.

With kind regards and best wishes,

Yours sincerely, Alexander Graham Bell